

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department - Sri M.Raghupathi, Ex.Agriculture Officer, Kalikiri (M), Chittoor District & MPDO (Retired) – Committed certain irregularities while working as Agriculture Officer in Agriculture sales point, Kalikiri (M) - Disciplinary action initiated - Charges Framed – WSD submitted – Enquiry officer appointed – Inquiry report submitted – Show cause notice issued – Explanation submitted – Imposition of punishment of 5% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of the misappropriated amount of Rs.3,44,720/- under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 225

Dated:04.04.2013.

Read the following:-

1. Memo No.10822/CPR&RE/ A1/1999, Dated.16.02.2001 of the CPR&RE, Hyd.
2. Written statement of Sri M.Raghupathi, former MPDO, MPP, G.D.Nellore, Chittoor District, dt.1.4.2001.
3. Procds.No.10822/CPR-A2/99, Dated.3.11.2006 of the CPR&RE, Hyd.
4. Lr.Rc.No.RF-7/A1/1417/09, dt.9.4.2009 of CEO, ZP, Chittoor.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1605 of PR&RD (Vig.III) Deptt., dt.02.11.2010.
6. Govt.Memo.No.8110/Vig.III/2009-8, dt.21.4.2011.
7. Lr.No.10822/CPR&RE/A1/1999, dated 26-3-2012 of the CPR&RE, Hyd.
8. Govt.Memo.No.8110/Vig.III/2009-10, dt.30.11.2012.
9. Explanation of Sri M.Raghupathi, former MPDO, MPP, Gudipala, Chittoor District, dt.7.1.2013.
10. G.O.Ms.No.44 of PR&RD (Vig.III) Deptt., dt.13.2.2013.
11. Govt.Lr.No.8110/Vig.III/2009-11, dt.11.3.2013.
12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Hyd., Lr.No.611/RT/1/2013, dt.19.3.2013.

ORDER:-

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad, has initiated disciplinary proceedings and framed article of charges against Sri M.Raghupathi, former Agriculture Officer, Kalikiri (M), Chittoor District and now MPDO (Retired), as he committed certain irregularities in Agriculture sales point, Kalikiri (M) as Agriculture Officer, vide ref.1st read above. In the reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence to the charges framed against him and he has denied charges and requested to drop further action.

2. In reference 3rd read above, the Chief Executive Officer, ZP, Chittoor District was appointed as Enquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, ZP, Chittoor District was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case, as per Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report stating that all the crucial records i.e., (1) Cash Book (2) Remittance Register (3) Stock Entry Register (4) Bills and Bill Book (5) Sales Register (6) Register of Challan (7) F.T.Bills (8) Stock Transfer Register (9)

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Subsidy Register and (10) Depot Register, which are most important and essential were burnt at the time of fire accident and without the said records, there is no scope to proceed further on the enquiry. Hence, the Enquiry Officer has expressed his inability to conduct enquiry.

4. In reference 7th read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad, has reported that, based on the special audit report an amount of Rs.3,44,720/- was misappropriated by the Charged Officer as such Government may consider the circumstances of the case and make such order there on as deemed fit as per the provision contained under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980, besides recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs.3,44,720/- from the pensionary benefits of the Charged Officer.

5. Government have examined of the proposal of Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad and having regard to the circumstances of case have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of the misappropriated amount of Rs.3,44,720/- against Sri M.Raghupathi, former Agricultural officer, Kalikiri (M), Chittoor District and now MPDO (Retired), under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980, read with Rule 25(ii) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991. Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued to the Charged Officer calling for his explanation on the proposed punishment vide reference 8th read above. In the reference 9th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation, among other things, and requested to consider his issue on humanitarian grounds sympathetically and drop further action against him.

6. In the reference 10th read above, in another case Government have imposed a punishment of 10% (Ten percent) cut in pension permanently besides recovery of the misappropriated amount of Rs.1,17,797/- (Rupees One lakh seventeen thousand seven hundred and ninety seven only) from his Death Com Retirement Gratuity on Sri M.Raghupathi, MPDO (Retired), Chittoor District under rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 read with orders issued in G.O.Rt.No.1097, Finance & Planning (FW Pension.I) Department, dt.22.6.2000 for the charges held proved.

7. Government have consulted APPSC in the reference 11th read above, to convey its concurrence to the proposed punishment. The APPSC in its letter 12th read above, has conveyed its concurrence to the Government decision.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose a punishment of 5% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of the misappropriated amount of Rs.3,44,720/- (Rupees three lakh forty four thousand seven hundred and twenty only) from the pensionary benefits on Sri M.Raghupathi, former Agricultural officer, Kalikiri (M), Chittoor District and now MPDO (Retired) under rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 read with rule 25(ii) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and in accordance with G.O.Rt.No.1097, Finance & Planning (FW Pension.I) Department, dt.22.6.2000. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of 5% (five percent) cut in pension permanently besides recovery of the misappropriated amount of Rs.3,44,720/- (Rupees three lakh forty four thousand seven hundred and twenty only) from the pensionary benefits, on Sri M.Raghupathi, former Agricultural officer, Kalikiri (M), Chittoor District and now MPDO (Retired), under rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 read with rule 25(ii) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and in accordance with G.O.Rt.No.1097, Finance & Planning (FW Pension.I) Department, dt.22.6.2000, with immediate effect.

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9. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad shall take action accordingly under intimation to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.NAGI REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To

1. Sri M.Raghupathi, former Agricultural officer, Kalikiri (M), Chittoor District and now MPDO (Retired)
through CPR&RE, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, A.P. Hyderabad.
3. The Chief Executive Officer, Chittoor.

Copy to:

4. The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
5. The District Treasury Officer, Chittoor.
6. The Accountant General, AP- Hyderabad,
7. The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
8. The Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj, APAT, Hyderabad. (for information in OA No.5658/2012)
9. Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER